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to, and in direct support of, an operation for which the AFSM has been awarded.

(g) *Subsequent awards.* No more than one medal shall be awarded to any one Service member. One bronze service star is worn to denote second and subsequent awards of the AFSM. To be eligible for additional awards, service must be rendered in more than one designated area and period of service. No two awards will be made for service in the same designated area. (Service stars are described in § 578.61)

(h) *Manner of wearing.* The AFSM shall take precedence immediately after the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

(i) *Posthumous awards.* The AFSM may be awarded posthumously to eligible soldier's primary next of kin (primary next of kin is defined in the Glossary).

(j) Designated U.S. military operations, area and dates are as follows:

(1) Operations PROVIDE PROMISE, JOINT ENDEAVOR, ABLE SENTRY, DENY FLIGHT, MARITIME MONITOR, and SHARP GUARD, from November 20, 1995 to December 19, 1996.

(2) Operation JOINT GUARD from December 20, 1996 to June 20, 1998.

(3) Operation JOINT FORGE from June 21, 1998 to a date to be determined.

(4) Operation UNITED NATIONS MISSION in HAITI; U.S. FORCES in HAITI and U.S. SUPPORT GROUP-HAITI from April 1, 1995 to January 31, 2000.

(5) Operation PROVIDE COMFORT from December 1, 1995 to December 31, 1996.

(k) See AR 672-20 for the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal.

(l) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter with a torch (as on the Statue of Liberty) encircled at the top by the inscription "ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL" on the obverse side. On the reverse side is an eagle (as on the seal of the DOD) between a wreath of laurel in base and the inscription "IN PURSUIT OF DEMOCRACY" at the top. The ribbon is 1½ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ¼ inch Goldenlight 67107; ¼ inch Jungle Green 67191; ¼ inch Green 67129; ¼ inch Mosstone

67127; ¼ inch Goldenlight; Center ¼ inch Bluebird 67117; ¼ inch Goldenlight; ¼ inch Mosstone; ¼ inch Green; ¼ inch Jungle Green; and ¼ inch Goldenlight.

§ 578.35 Humanitarian Service Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) was established by Executive Order 11965, January 19, 1977. It is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after April 1, 1975, distinguished themselves by meritorious direct participation in a DOD approved significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. It is not awarded for participation in domestic disturbances involving law enforcement, equal rights to citizens, or protection of properties.

(b) To be eligible, a service member must meet the following requirements:

(1) Must be on active duty at the time of direct participation in a DOD approved humanitarian act or operation. "Active duty" means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. It includes duty on the active duty list, full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned per 10 U.S.C. 101(22). This includes service as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy. Members of the Army National Guard are eligible provided that the use of active forces has been authorized in the act or operation.

(2) Must have directly participated in the humanitarian act or operation within the designated geographical area of operation and within specified time limits. "Direct participation" is defined as "hands on" activity at the site or sites of the military act or operation. Specifically excluded from eligibility for this medal are personnel or elements remaining at geographically separated military headquarters.

(3) Must provide evidence which substantiates direct participation in a DOD approved humanitarian act or operation except when by-name eligibility lists are published. Acceptable evidence includes the following:

(i) Certificates, letters of commendation or appreciation.

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(ii) Officer or enlisted evaluation reports.

(iii) Copies of TDY or special duty orders reflecting participation within the specified timeframe and geographical location cited.

(iv) After-action reports, situation reports, rosters, unit files or any other records or documentation which verify the service members participation.

(v) Statements from commanders, supervisors, or other officials who were in a position to substantiate the service members direct participation in the area of operation.

(c) The HSM is a U.S. service medal and does not preclude or conflict with other service medals or decorations awarded on the basis of valor, achievement or meritorious service.

(d) No person will be awarded more than one HSM for participation in the same military act or operation.

(e) A service star will be worn to denote direct participation in second or subsequent humanitarian acts or operations. The approved HSM operations are provided in AR 600-8-22 and the HQDA Military Awards Branch Web site: <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/HSM.doc>.

(f) See AR 672-20 for Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service.

(g) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter, surmounted by an open hand, palm up, extending to the upper left. On the reverse is a sprig of oak in a left oblique slant between the inscription "FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE" in three horizontal lines, and "UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES" in an arc around the base. The ribbon is 1¾ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ⅜ inch Imperial Purple 67161; ¼ inch White 67101; ⅜ inch Bluebird 67117; ¼ inch Flag Blue 67124; ⅜ inch Bluebird; ¼ inch White; and ⅜ inch Imperial Purple.

§ 578.36 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) was established by Executive Order 12830, January 9, 1993. It may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their Reserve Components, who subsequent to December

31, 1992, perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature.

(b) To qualify for award of the MOVSM a service member's volunteer service must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be to the civilian community, to include the military family community.

(2) Be significant in nature and produce tangible results.

(3) Reflect favorably on the Military Service and the DOD.

(4) Be of a sustained and direct nature.

(c) While there is no specific time period to qualify for the MOVSM (for example, 500 hours of community service within 24 calendar months), approval authorities shall ensure the service to be honored merits the special recognition afforded by this medal. The MOVSM is intended to recognize exceptional community support over time and not a single act or achievement. Further, it is intended to honor direct support of community activities. For the purpose of this award, attending membership meetings or social events of a community service group is not considered qualifying service, while manning a community crisis action telephone line is considered qualifying service.

(d) Approval authority for award of the MOVSM will be commanders (overseas and CONUS (continental United States)) serving in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or higher. Before the recommendation is forwarded to the award approval authority, the recommender must certify that the service member meets the eligibility criteria for award of the MOVSM. Substantiating documentation, such as record of hours contributed, letters or certificates from activity supervisors, or other proof of the service member's volunteer services may be attached as enclosures to the recommendation.

(e) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1¾ inches in diameter bearing on the obverse, five annulets interlaced enfiled by a star and environed by a wreath of laurel. On the reverse is a sprig of oak between the inscription "OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE" at the top and "UNITED STATES